

Midway's 1985 Honored Citizen

Grant Shelton has been chosen as Midway's Honored Citizen for 1985. He is a life long resident of Heber Valley, born in Daniels, the son of Charles and Maud Ella Watson Shelton. He has five sisters and three brothers.

He served for two years in the United States Navy during World War II in the Pacific Theatre. He was on one of the first ships to enter Tokyo Bay.

Grant married Darlene Probst of Midway on September 21, 1950 in the Salt Lake Temple. They are the proud parents of two children, Mrs. Keith (Shanna) Horner and Stephen Shelton. They have four grandchildren, Shawn, Jared, Sherida and Tyler Horner. Grant loves his family and enjoys being involved in family activities.

The Sheltons' took up residence in Wendover, Utah after their marriage. They soon returned to Midway and have resided here since that time. While they were in Wendover, Grant built a home. When he came to Kurt Rothe's in Midway to purchase lumber, Kurt offered Grant a job. Grant and Darlene finished their home in Wendover, sold it, and moved to Midway.

Throughout the years, Grant has been a strength to the Midway Booster Club in many ways. He has served in the Booster Club Presidency, on the board and at the present time is the representative to the Boosters from the Midway City Council. He has been a great supporter of Midway in any way he could.

He was the chief designer of the metal booths that are used for the Swiss Days Celebration and also in other areas of the county. This has saved thousands of dollars and countless hours of time in setting up and taking down of booths. He also helped in the construction of these booths. This past year, he added two additional booths designed and built especially to handle the Knockwurst for Swiss Days. He also built the original Swiss Miss float.

For many years a Hawaiian Luau was held by the Midway First Ward. Grant always provided the fruit for this occasion. He has always gone the extra mile to be of service to others. There are countless acts of kindness and support he has shown. For ten years he furnished a refrigerated trailer to keep supplies cold during the Swiss Days Celebration.

Grant served two terms on the Wasatch County Commission and is presently serving his second term on the Midway City Council. Grant served in the Midway First Ward Bishopric for fourteen years with three different Bishops, - Bishop Burton Van Wagoner, Bishop Grant Remund, Bishop LeRoy Kohler.

He has been devoted to the youth, working a lot with the Scouts. He was operating Midway Trailer Sales at this time and would make regular trips to California to pick up trailers and campers. As an incentive to the young people he was working with at that time, he would take them to California after they were successful in meeting goals (promptly gathering fast offerings and weeding corn and potatoes on the church farm.) The boys were greatly motivated and Grant took many boys to Disneyland, Knottsberry Farm, Pacific Ocean Park and the beach. One day Shanna jokingly asked her dad when it was the girls turn to go. He pickup a calendar and told her. That summer Grant and Darlene took Shanna and 11 of her friends to California. At the present time he is serving on the High Council of the Midway Stake.

Grant cleans driveways during the winter for friends and neighbors. He can repair almost anything and has helped many who were in need of help in this area. He has a great sense of humor and is always fun to be around.

Grant Shelton loves Midway and the people here. He is a good neighbor and friend. The Midway Boosters are proud and happy to announce that Grant Shelton is Midway's Honored Citizen for 1985.

